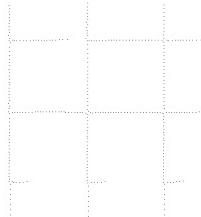


**To:** Tapia, Cecilia[Tapia.Cecilia@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** Phenomenal work by ENST



Cecelia, good afternoon!

I wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know what a phenomenally great job Margie St Germain did in working with local educators on today's STC Tour.

This is all the more exceptional because she had to do it with very nominal prep time.

Originally, I had worked with Daniel Dorn to do the tour for the Kansas City Environmental Educators Network (KCEEN). As you are aware, he was exigently deployed to collect samples for the Gold King Mine wastewater spill. I had originally thought the tour was lost, as Daniel and I put together what we believed would be a very meaningful presentation to the educators. Margie stepped in and learned what the intent was for the tour (not a standard Lab tour, which they received last year). She reached into her own history and identified three strong forensic chemistry histories. She related in a very personal and accessible manner the need for strong and rigorous science in pursuit of the mission to protect human health and the environment. She described the need for rigor in process, method and education. That these give the foundation then for innovation and cutting edge method development.

Thanks for taking a moment to hear my recognition for Margie's phenomenal success in today's STC forensic tour for the KCEEN.

Please let me know if you require any clarification.

p.s. It was kewl that she was able to relay the award-deserving efforts of the GERSTEL Twister

stir bar sorptive extraction team.

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